City Of Canal Winchester Department of Public Works Division of Streets

Snow Removal Policy



The City of Canal Winchester makes every effort to keep our streets clear and passable before, during and after a snow event by utilizing brine solutions application, salting and plowing. Our policy is to clear streets curb-to-curb to provide easier access for emergency vehicles, while providing the high-quality snow removal service our residents have come to expect. As residents, you too can help your fellow neighbor by doing your part such as:

- Not placing snow cleared from parking lots and driveways onto streets, sidewalks or bike paths
- Piling shoveled snow to the right of the driveway (as you face the street)
- Keeping children away from the snow plows
- Not building igloos, caves or other snow structures close to the street
- Keeping parked cars off the street
- Cleaning around mailboxes
- Clearing public sidewalks as soon as possible (as required of all residents and business owners by city ordinance 905.02 and ORC 723.011).

These procedures may be adjusted as needed. Below is the city's general policy for snow removal and street salting.

Plowing

The city streets will be plowed in the following order: arterial streets (including Columbus, Gender, High and Waterloo), other collector streets and major streets within subdivisions, secondary streets within subdivisions, cul-de-sacs and then alleys. Streets will continue to be plowed until excess snow is removed from parking and driving lanes, freeing storm sewer catch basins so flooding and freezing do not occur. This will also open the area to mailboxes and parking.

Salting

Streets will be salted in the same order as plowing. Re-salting will be done as needed.

Downtown Business District

Removal of plowed snow in the downtown area occurs when snowfall exceeds eight inches and only after all other removal activities are complete. Removal will only take place during normal working hours.

It is extremely important that storm drains are kept clear during plowing. Any storm drain that is closed as well as wheelchair ramps will be cleared following the storm. On the off chance that Canal Winchester's snow removal damages a mailbox; the city will contact the resident about repair.